

Remarks

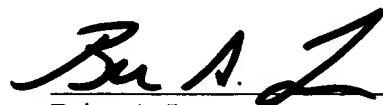
Claims 1, 8, 22, 27 and 34 have been amended. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and other applications. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 17-19, 21-23, 25, 27 and 30-40 are pending in this application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 17-19, 21 and 38-40.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that the PTO-1449 form attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2005, has not been initialed and returned by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the PTO-1449 form filed with this Information Disclosure Statement be initialed and returned by the Examiner with the next communication.

Claims 1, 22 and 27 stand objected to due to informalities. Claims 1, 22 and 27 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Claims 8 and 34 have been amended to maintain consistency with the amendments made to claims 1 and 27, respectively.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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